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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. The enclosed Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time extends the deadline for response until January 26, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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